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Health Department Asks Phase 1A Organizations to Submit Information

Data on Individuals Eligible for Vaccination to be Utilized for Distribution of Vaccines

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) is seeking information from healthcare organizations to assist in planning and allocating the limited amount of the COVID-19 vaccine being received.

The Health Department will be following the vaccine allocation recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). At this time, organizations which fall into the Phase 1A category for vaccinations are being asked to provide basic contact information and detail on its operations, as well as an estimate of eligible personnel working in Allegheny County.

An eligible organization or facility must be physically located within Allegheny County. It does not matter if the employees of that organization or facility do not live in the county.

Organizations which have employees that fall into the Phase 1A category are asked to have a single point of contact. That contact should complete the COVID Vaccination form through the county's Online Support Center. The process requires the creation of an account, and then the user may select the options for Request Service, Health Department and, finally, COVID Vaccination Request, to submit the information for their respective organization.

Solo practitioners may also complete the COVID Vaccination Request form through the county's Online Support Center.

This information is being used to inform the further development of plans for the allocation and distribution of the vaccine. As doses of the vaccine become available, organizations will be notified of the availability and provided information about how employees may register for an appointment to receive the vaccine. Individuals in Phase 1A may be vaccinated by the Health Department or by a partnering health service provider, such as a pharmacy, Federally Qualified Health Center or community clinic.

Organizations that do not fit into the Phase 1A eligibility guidelines will be asked to submit a form at a later time as vaccine distribution moves to individuals included in Phase 1B including critical and essential workers, first responders, and individuals with high-risk conditions.

The vaccination of residents and staff in long-term care facilities is being handled by the CDC-run Federal Pharmacy Partnership. Long-term care facilities that are not enrolled in the CDC-program will be partnered with a vaccination provider by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. More information about that process is available here.

For more information regarding the vaccine distribution planning process, please visit the department's Vaccine Information page.

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